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Transgenic Plants and Plant Parts  
Containing Them, and Methods for  
Obtaining Them"

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AMENDMENT

In the claims

Please **cancel** claim 54.

Please **add** claim 55:

55. (New) A method for obtaining a transgenic plant of claim 38, said method comprising the steps of:

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- a) transforming a plant cell with a nucleic acid of claim 36;
  - b) selecting a plant cell having said vector integrated therein; and
  - c) propagating the selected plant cell of step (b), either by culturing or by regeneration of chimeric or transgenic whole plants.